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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 403 (Toy)

Senate Bill 403 would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the licensure of nutritionists and dietitians. The bill would do all of the following: Prohibit a person from engaging in the practice of dietetics and nutrition or providing dietetics and nutrition care services without a license. Require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to issue a dietitian and nutritionist license to an applicant who met the criteria for licensure contained in rules promulgated under Part 183a, and paid the required fees. Allow the DCH to issue a temporary license to a person who did not meet all of the bill's requirements, under certain circumstances. Establish a \$20 application processing fee, a \$75 annual license fee, and a \$75 annual temporary license fee. Require the DCH to promulgate rules establishing qualifications for licensure, a complaint process, and penalties. Prohibit a person from calling himself or herself a dietitian and nutritionist, or using certain other titles, without being licensed. Create the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition within the DCH.

- *SB 403 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills [no Amendments].*
- **SB 403 passed with IE [RC 126: 35 yes, 2 no].**

HB 5063 (GLEASON)

HB 5063 would amend the Social Welfare Act to permit individuals enrolled in the Medicaid program to receive screening; laboratory, diagnostic, and early intervention services; and treatment for chronic kidney disease pursuant to guidelines established by the Department of Community Health. Additionally, the bill could result in lower health care costs as more individuals were diagnosed and received earlier treatment. According to the National Kidney Foundation, dialysis for one patient typically costs \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. Controlling kidney disease before it requires this expensive procedure or an organ transplant could save the State money and lead to an improved quality of life for those with the disease.

- **Committee S-1 was passed**
- **HB 5063 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.**

- HB 5063 passed with IE [RC 127: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 5744 (Caswell)

HB 5745 (Shaffer)

The bills would amend the Mental Health Code and the Public Health Code to specify that a rule or an exception to a rule promulgated under those Codes could not discriminate in favor of or against any provider, facility, or employer based on the presence or lack of a collective bargaining agreement with employees. Also, collective bargaining status, level of wages, or fringe benefits could not be used to demonstrate or excuse compliance with State licensing or regulatory standards or requirements.

House Bill 5744

- HB 5744 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.
- HB 5744 passed [RC 128: 21 yes, 15 no] IE was not granted.

House Bill 5745

- HB 5745 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.
- HB 5745 passed [RC 129: 21 yes, 15 no] IE was not granted.

APPOINTMENTS

James S. Scalici was appointed to the State Transportation Commission [RC 124: 36 yes, 0 no].

Ted Wahby was appointed to the State Transportation Commission [RC 125: 35 yes, 0 no].